

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 1 to 9 and 18 to 25, 28 and 29 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

Claim Amendments

In independent claim 1, Mo has been made a requirement and the upper limit of Mo has been amended to --0.1%--.

The Office Action at page 4, paragraph 10 stated that to distinguish the claims over the prior art, it is recommended to amend claim 1 to require the presence of 0.01 o 0.1% Mo. The Office Action cited Fig. 1 of the drawings of the specification.

An upper limit of 0.1% Mo is also disclosed in the specification at page 31, lines 10 to 11.

The presence of 0.01 to 0.5% W as being --optional-- in claim 1 is disclosed in claim 1 as originally filed.

Claims 28 and 29

A range of 0.01 to 0.08% Mo-- is disclosed as desirable and a range of --0.03 to 0.07% Mo-- is disclosed as better in the specification at page 31, lines 10 to 15.

§103(a)

Claims 1 to 9 and 18 to 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japan No. 2002-12940 alone or in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,733,195 or U.S. Patent No. 4,407,681.

These rejections, as applied to the amended claims, are respectfully traversed.

Patentability

Independent claim 1 has been amended by the present amendment to require --0.01 to 0.1% Mo--. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

As previously discussed, the Office Action at page 4, paragraph 10 advised that to distinguish the claims over the prior art, it is recommended to amend claim 1 to require the presence of 0.01 to 0.1% Mo.

It is therefore submitted that amended independent claim 1, and claims 2 to 9, 18 to 25 and 28, 29, dependent on independent claim 1, are patentable over Japan No. 2002-12940 alone or in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,733,195 or U.S. Patent No. 4,407,681.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that in view of the present amendment and foregoing remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed and passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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